



**For Immediate Release**

December 27, 2006

**Media Contact:**

Don Beckwith

Office of Primary Care and Rural Health

Office: 801-538-6818

## **Utah Department of Health Awards Primary Care Grants** *for Medically Underserved Populations*

SALT LAKE CITY - The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) has awarded thirty-six (36) health care agencies \$1.4 million in grants to increase their capacity to provide primary health care to medically underserved individuals not eligible for CHIP, Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance or the Primary Care Network.

The main purpose of the State Primary Care Grants Program is to improve the health of medically underserved Utahns. The Program does this by making primary care services more accessible to target populations such as the working poor, children, elderly, Native Americans, migrant and seasonal farm workers, individuals with chronic diseases, the homeless, and single heads of household.

Some of the primary care services that the Program supports are: acute care services; adult immunizations; chronic illness support; dental services; diabetes control; mental health services; prevention services; and women's health services.

The State Primary Care Grants Program uses a competitive bid process. Forty (40) grant applications totaling nearly \$1.9 million were considered for State Fiscal Year 2006-2007 funding. Twenty (20) of the approved projects are rural and several encompass more than one county.

- M O R E -

The grantees include: nine community health centers (5 rural, 4 urban), six public health departments (5 rural, 1 urban), two urban homeless programs, 13 projects providing dental services in 21 counties (19 rural, 3 urban), five projects specifically targeting diabetes, three projects providing mental health services, and six projects providing women's health care services.

The following is a list of successful applicants and a short summary of the projects that expect to serve over 14,638 individuals with approximately 43,748 encounters:

**Bear Lake Community Health Center - Dental Project** (\$37,000) – serving 550 clients in Rich County

**Bear River Health Department - Mental Health Services, Bear River Health Department, Division of Substance Abuse** (\$28,690) – serving 20 clients in Box Elder, and Cache Counties

**Bear River Health Department - Women's Health Care Project** (\$16,500) – serving 138 clients in Box Elder, Cache, and Rich Counties

**Carbon Medical Service Association, Inc. - Diabetes Project** (\$54,864) – serving 255 clients in Carbon County

**Central Utah Public Health Department - Access to Women's Health** (\$20,000) – serving 90 clients in Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, and Wayne Counties

**Centro de la Familia de Utah - Dental Services Project** (\$21,000) – serving 90 clients in Box Elder, Cache, Davis, Sanpete, Utah, and Weber Counties

**Community Health Centers, Inc. - Immunizations and Diabetes Project** (\$129,550) – serving 341 clients in Salt Lake County

**Community Partnered Mobile Dental Services, Utah Department of Health** (\$52,465) – serving 252 clients in Box Elder, Juab, Kane, Millard, Piute, Summit, and Wayne Counties

**Dental House Call - Northeastern/Southern Dental Project** (\$13,500) – serving 62 clients in Duchesne, Emery, Iron, and Uintah Counties

**Dixie State College of Utah - Dental Hygiene Outreach Program, Dixie State College of Utah, School of Business, Science, and Health** (\$20,000) – serving 400 clients in Iron, Kane, and Washington Counties

**Enterprise Valley Medical Clinic - Dental and Primary Care Project** (\$43,200) – serving 296 clients in Washington County

**Holy Cross Ministries - Promotora Case Management Services** (\$22,745) – serving 200 clients in Salt Lake, Tooele, and Wasatch Counties

**Kane County Hospital - Cedar Mountain Medical Clinic** (\$20,000) – serving 100 clients in  
- M O R E -

**Page 3 of 4 - Utah Department of Health Awards Primary Care Grants**

Kane County

**Midtown Community Health Center - Oral Health Project** (\$51,696) – serving 260 clients in Weber County

**Midtown Community Health Center - Mental Health Counseling and Assessment Project** (\$23,040) – serving 600 clients in Weber County

**Midvale Family Health Clinic, Inc. - Be Healthy, Be Smart** (\$16,177) – serving 52 clients in Salt Lake County

**Mountainlands Community Health Center - Dental and Primary Care Project** (\$77,164) – serving 792 clients in Utah County

**Salt Lake Donated Dental Services - Dental Project** (\$27,000) – serving 329 clients in Salt Lake County

**Salt Lake Valley Health Department - Fluoride Varnish at South Main Clinic** (\$37,414) – serving 900 clients in Salt Lake County

**San Juan Health Services District - Diabetes Clinic** (\$40,000) – serving 320 clients in Grand and San Juan Counties

**Southwest Utah Community Health Center - Expansion of Primary Care Services** (\$40,000) – serving 200 clients in Washington County

**Southwest Utah Community Health Center - Dental Services** (\$20,000) – serving 325 clients in Washington County

**Southwest Utah Public Health Department - Women's Access to Health Care** (\$50,000) – serving 225 clients in Beaver, Garfield, Iron, and Kane Counties

**Southwest Utah Public Health Department - Women's Access to Health Care** (Washington County) (\$22,200) – serving 110 clients in Washington County

**The Caring Foundation For Children - Dental Program for Children** (\$14,400) – serving 30 clients in Box Elder, Cache, Carbon, Davis, Salt Lake, Washington, and Weber Counties

**The People's Health Clinic - Primary Care Services** (\$21,600) – serving 100 clients in Summit County

**Tricounty Health Department - Dental Clinic** (\$40,000) – serving 365 clients in Daggett, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties

**United Way of Salt Lake - Sealants for Smiles** (\$20,000) – serving 945 clients in Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele Counties

**University of Utah, College of Nursing - Perinatal and Women's Health Care at Ellis R. Shipp Clinic** (\$38,400) – serving 583 clients in Salt Lake County

**University of Utah, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecologic - Women's Health Services**

- MORE -

**Page 4 of 4 - Utah Department of Health Awards Primary Care Grants**

**Program at South Main Clinic** (\$32,850) – serving 600 clients in Salt Lake County

**Utah Navajo Health System, Inc. - Diabetes Control Project, Inc., Montezuma Creek Health Center** (\$43,675) – serving 584 clients in San Juan County

**Volunteer Care Clinic - Primary Health Care to Underserved** (\$22,500) – serving 1,200 clients in Utah County

**Wasatch Homeless Health Care, Inc., Primary Care Services at Fourth Street Clinic** (\$154,188) – serving 780 clients in Salt Lake County

**Wasatch Mental Health Special Service District - Wellness Recovery Clinic** (\$60,000) – serving 120 clients in Utah County

**Wayne Community Health Center, Inc. - Dental Services** (\$45,819) – serving 265 clients in Garfield, Piute, and Wayne Counties

**Weber Morgan Health Department - Women's Health Program** (\$40,000) – serving 500 clients in Morgan & Weber Counties

For additional information on the Program, contact the UDOH at 801-538-6818 or visit our Web site at: <http://health.utah.gov/primarycare/primarycare.html>.

# # #

*The mission of the Utah Department of Health is to protect the public's health through preventing avoidable illness, injury, disability and premature death, assuring access to affordable, quality health care, and promoting healthy lifestyles.*

- E N D -

- M O R E -